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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERFERENCE REJECTION )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 - 10, 12 - 16, 19 - 23, and 28 as follows:

- Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 3 - 5" and insert therefor --claim 3--.
- Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 3 - 5" and insert therefor --claim 3--.
- Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 7" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 8" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 1-8" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 12, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 11" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 13, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 11" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 14, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 11" and insert therefor --claim 1--.
- Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of claims 5 - 14" and insert therefor --claim 5--.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of claims 5 - 14" and insert therefor --claim 5--.  
Claim 17, line 1, delete "any of".  
Claim 19, line 1, delete "any of claims 17 - 18" and insert therefor --claim 17--.  
Claim 20, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 19" and insert therefor --claim 1--.  
Claim 21, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 20" and insert therefor --claim 1--.  
Claim 22, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 21" and insert therefor --claim 1--.  
Claim 23, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 - 22" and insert therefor --claim 1--.  
Claim 28, line 1, delete "any of claims 24-27" and insert therefor --claim 24--.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments to the claims have been made in order to eliminate multiple dependencies. Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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